

THANKSLIVING

EPISODE 2

5 WAYS TO LIVE AND GIVE THANKS

Psalm 100:4–5 Enter his gates with thanksgiving...

I. BY THE WORDS I SAY.

Ephesians 5:4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

II. BY THE WAY I SING.

Psalm 30:12 That I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever!

- **SING WITH OTHERS.**

Colossians 3:16 Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

- **SING WITH A SMILE.**

Psalm 28:7 The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

III. BY THE GIFTS I GIVE.

2 Corinthians 9:10–11 (MSG) This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

Exercises:

- **NEVER IGNORE A THOUGHT TO GIVE.**

- **GIVE MORE THAN I THINK I CAN.**

IV. BY THE TIMES I CHOOSE TO GIVE THANKS.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

- **CHOOSE TO GIVE THANKS IN BAD TIMES.**

- **REMEMBER TO GIVE THANKS IN GOOD TIMES.**

- **GIVE THANKS AT A SPECIFIC TIME.**

Psalm 119:62 I rise at midnight to thank you...

V. BY THE PRAYERS I PRAY.

1 Timothy 2:1–2 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

- **THANK GOD FOR SOMEONE YOU NEVER HAVE.**

- **THANK GOD FOR ANSWERS.**